



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fetterolf et al.

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For: LOCOMOTIVE DRAFT GEAR
ASSEMBLY AND YOKE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 24, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

In the specification:

Please amend lines 52-56 of Page 3 as follows:

There is an on going review of the weight of freight car and locomotive components in an effort to maintain strength and performance, while lessening the weight of such components. One known yoke for use in a locomotive draft gear assembly is made of cast steel and weighs about 510 pounds. This ~~shown~~ known yoke is made of Grade B Steel.

Please add the following sentences to lines 96 at Page 5.

Back wall 16 includes two indented sections 40 and 42 of reduced thickness for weight savings.
Sections 40 and 42 extend from near top strap 12 to near bottom strap 14.

Please correct line 136 of page 7 as follows:

Coupler follower 52 is seen to be inserted between top strap 12 and bottom strap 14 of yoke ~~ten~~10 and adjacent the inner surface 19 of front wall 18.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 13-25, inclusive.